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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9-11 and 13-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 12 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CDC)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/13/2009

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants response filed 04/22/2009 is acknowledged.

Response to Applicants Remarks

Election/Restrictions

Applicants state that the elected group was 4 and not 1 as indicated in the previous office action. While Examiner acknowledges the typographical error, this is of no consequence to the previous or instant prosecution because the group (and claims) examined in the previous office action correlate to the elected grouping wherein the compounds have all-carbon chain B. Applicant's attention is drawn to the previously indicated finality of the restriction as the election was made without traverse. See page 16, of applicants Remarks filed 08/29/2008. It is suggested that applicant cancel claims drawn to non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Previously presented relating to the terms 'proviso' and 'optionally' is withdrawn in view of amendments to claims.

Claim 1 is rejected because, in line 4, numbered page 3, the term 'if' following the term 'wherein' renders the claim vague because as per amendments, chain B is limited to all carbon atoms. The vagueness is augured by the language of the new claim 9, in which the terms 'wherein if' are still present even though the definition of the chain B clearly limits the chain to linear skeleton of 3 to 9 carbon atoms.

Claims 2-3, 10-11, 13-17 are rejected because they depend on claims 1 and 9.

Instant claims are drawn to chemical compounds. As such, applicant is encouraged to redraw the structure of the base claims 1 and 9 along the lines of chemical formulae of claims 4, 8, 12 and 18 even though it is acknowledged that applicant can be his own lexicographer. Applicant is reminded of *In re Zletz*, 13 USPQ2d 1320, 1322. "An essential purpose of patent examination is to fashion claims that are precise, clear, correct and unambiguous."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Previously presented rejection is rendered moot in view of amendments to claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Previously presented rejections are withdrawn in view of applicant's persuasive arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 12 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIZAL S. CHANDRAKUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-6202. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571 0272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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